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# CURRENT LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS
# FOR
# NOVA SCOTIA

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## FOREWORD

The "monthly" reviews, in summary form, Provincial and National adjustments in the labour force activity during the year including a year-over-year analysis.

## ANALYSIS

TABLE I: - Summary of Labour Force Statistics in Nova Scotia

TABLE II: - Unemployment as a Percentage of the Labour Force

TABLE III: - Population, Labour Force and Participation Rates

The statistics contained in the Labour Force Survey in this report are based on information obtained through a sample survey of households conducted by Statistics Canada. Interviews are carried out in nearly 30,000 households chosen by area sampling methods across the country. Percentages of total households selected for the sample area are as follows: Atlantic Region, 1.6 percent; Quebec, 0.5 percent; Ontario, 0.5 percent; Prairie Region, 0.8 percent; British Columbia, 0.7 percent. The Labour Force Survey is carried out monthly. Estimates of employment, unemployment and non-labour force activity refer to a specific week cover

The sample used in the Surveys on the Labour Force has been designated to represent all persons in the population 14 years of age and over residing in Canada with the exception of residents of the Yukon and Northwest Territories, Indians living on reserves, inmates of institutions and members of the Armed Forces. These excluded categories amount to about three percent of the total population 14 years of age and over.

## HIGHLIGHTS

| | 1972<br>August to September Changes |
|---|---|
| Labour Force (000's) | - 22 |
| Employed (000's) | - 18 |
| Unemployed | - 4 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | - 1.0 |
| Participation Rate (%) | - 2.1 |

TABLE 1: - SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS FOR NOVA SCOTIA

| | | Labour Force (000's) | Employed (000's) | Unemployed (000's) | Unemployment Rate (%) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1968 | Jan. 13 | 246 | 225 | 21 | 8.5 |
| | Feb. 17 | 251 | 227 | 24 | 9.6 |
| | Mar. 23 | 246 | 226 | 20 | 8.1 |
| | Apr. 20 | 245 | 227 | 18 | 7.3 |
| | May 18 | 253 | 240 | 13 | 5.1 |
| | June 22 | 258 | 244 | 14 | 5.4 |
| | July 20 | 265 | 253 | 12 | 4.5 |
| | Aug. 24 | 268 | 256 | 12 | 4.5 |
| | Sept. 21 | 252 | 243 | 9 | 3.6 |
| | Oct. 19 | 256 | 246 | 10 | 3.9 |
| | Nov. 16 | 257 | 244 | 13 | 5.1 |
| | Dec. 14 | 254 | 242 | 12 | 4.7 |
| AVERAGE 1968 | | 254 | 239 | 15 | 5.9 |
| 1969 | Jan. 18 | 251 | 233 | 18 | 7.2 |
| | Feb. 15 | 250 | 232 | 18 | 7.2 |
| | Mar. 22 | 250 | 230 | 20 | 8.0 |
| | Apr. 19 | 253 | 236 | 17 | 6.7 |
| | May 24 | 259 | 245 | 14 | 5.4 |
| | June 21 | 264 | 251 | 13 | 4.9 |
| | July 19 | 272 | 257 | 15 | 5.5 |
| | Aug. 23 | 272 | 261 | 11 | 4.0 |
| | Sept. 20 | 258 | 250 | 8 | 3.1 |
| | Oct. 18 | 257 | 247 | 10 | 3.9 |
| | Nov. 15 | 256 | 244 | 12 | 4.7 |
| | Dec. 13 | 257 | 244 | 13 | 5.1 |
| AVERAGE 1969 | | 258 | 244 | 14 | 5.5 |
| 1970 | Jan. 17 | 247 | 230 | 17 | 6.9 |
| | Feb. 21 | 244 | 244 | 20 | 8.2 |
| | Mar. 21 | 246 | 227 | 19 | 7.7 |
| | Apr. 18 | 252 | 234 | 18 | 7.1 |
| | May 23 | 264 | 251 | 14 | 5.3 |
| | June 20 | 266 | 252 | 14 | 5.3 |
| | July 18 | 282 | 266 | 16 | 5.7 |
| | Aug. 22 | 275 | 262 | 14 | 5.1 |
| | Sept. 19 | 263 | 252 | 11 | 4.2 |
| | Oct. 17 | 264 | 254 | 10 | 3.8 |
| | Nov. 14 | 264 | 251 | 13 | 4.9 |
| | Dec. 12 | 261 | 244 | 18 | 6.9 |
| AVERAGE 1970 | | 261 | 246 | 15 | 5.9 |

TABLE 1: - SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS FOR NOVA SCOTIA (Cont'd)

| | | Labour Force (000's) | Employed (000's) | Unemployed (000's) | Unemployment Rate (%) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1971 | Jan. 16 | 258 | 235 | 23 | 8.9 |
| | Feb. 20 | 257 | 233 | 25 | 9.7 |
| | Mar. 20 | 254 | 232 | 22 | 8.7 |
| | Apr. 17 | 255 | 234 | 22 | 8.6 |
| | May 22 | 266 | 249 | 18 | 6.8 |
| | June 19 | 273 | 256 | 17 | 6.2 |
| | July 24 | 285 | 264 | 21 | 7.4 |
| | Aug. 21 | 279 | 260 | 19 | 6.8 |
| | Sept. 18 | 259 | 244 | 15 | 5.8 |
| | Oct. 16 | 262 | 246 | 16 | 6.1 |
| | Nov. 13 | 258 | 240 | 19 | 7.4 |
| | Dec. 11 | 258 | 236 | 22 | 8.5 |
| AVERAGE 1971 | | 264 | 244 | 20 | 7.6 |
| 1972 | Jan. 15 | 257 | 229 | 27 | 10.5 |
| | Feb. 19 | 252 | 228 | 24 | 9.5 |
| | Mar. 18 | 256 | 233 | 23 | 9.0 |
| | Apr. 22 | 256 | 235 | 21 | 8.2 |
| | May 20 | 266 | 247 | 19 | 7.1 |
| | June 17 | 278 | 260 | 19 | 6.8 |
| | July 22 | 293 | 271 | 22 | 7.5 |
| | Aug. 19 | 287 | 269 | 18 | 6.3 |
| | Sept. 16 | 265 | 251 | 14 | 5.3 |

TABLE 2: UNEMPLOYMENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE LABOUR FORCE

| Region | September 16, 1972 Labour Force (000's) | September 16, 1972 Unemployed (000's) | September 16, 1972 Unemployment Rate (%) | August 19, 1972 Unemployment Rate (%) | Sept. 18, 1971 Unemployment Rate (%) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Canada | 8,840 | 459 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.0 |
| Atlantic Region | 701 | 49 | 7.0 | 6.9 | 6.4 |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 265 | 14 | 5.3 | 6.3 | 5.8 |
| New Brunswick | 228 | 16 | 7.0 | 6.5 | 5.9 |
| Newfoundland | 167 | 16 | 9.6 | 8.6 | 9.2 |
| Prince Edward Island | 41 | * | * | * | * |
| Quebec | 2,413 | 159 | 6.6 | 7.3 | 6.8 |
| Ontario | 3,355 | 140 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 |
| Prairies | 1,442 | 50 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.3 |
| British Columbia | 929 | 61 | 6.6 | 6.3 | 5.5 |

The Nova Scotia labour force was estimated at 265,000 in the week ended September, 16, 1972, which represents a decrease of 22,000 from August, 1972. The employed decreased by 18,000 and the unemployed decreased by 4,000.

Between September, 1971 and September, 1972, there was an increase of 6,000 in the labour force. Employment increased 1,000 and the unemployed decreased by 1,000 compared to a year earlier.

The unemployment rate was 5.3 percent in September, 1972. This compares with 6.3 percent last month and 5.8 percent a year earlier.

* Due to the small size of the sample in Prince Edward Island, the high percentage of sampling variability rendered such figures unpublishable.

TABLE 3: POPULATION, LABOUR FORCE AND PARTICIPATION RATES [1]

| Region | Population (000's) | Labour Force (000's) | Participation Rates (%) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Canada | 15,824 | 8,840 | 55.9 |
| Atlantic Region | 1,442 | 701 | 48.6 |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 546 | 265 | 48.5 |
| New Brunswick | 455 | 228 | 50.1 |
| Newfoundland | 363 | 167 | 46.0 |
| Prince Edward Island | 78 | 41 | 52.6 |
| Quebec | 4,455 | 2,413 | 54.2 |
| Ontario | 5,756 | 3,355 | 58.3 |
| Prairies | 2,507 | 1,442 | 57.5 |
| British Columbia | 1,664 | 929 | 55.8 |

The Nova Scotia participation rate was estimated at 48.5 percent in the week ended September 16, 1972, which represented a decrease of 4.1 percent from 52.6 percent in the week ended August 19, 1972.

In the year-over-year comparison, the participation rate increased 0.3 percent from 48.2 percent participation rate on September 18, 1971.

[1] The Labour Force as a percentage of the total population 14 years of age and over.